

[25th January 1928]

A.—(a) Yes in the case of dry lands.

(b) The Tahsildar.

(c) The tickets are not sold but water-rate is charged on the irrigation.

(d) Yes. The hon. Member's attention is invited to Appendix L on page 28 of Board's Standing Order, Volume II.

Boilers

Appointment of the Chief Inspector of Boilers.

1445 Q.—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answer to Mr. C. Gopala Menon's question No. 793 answered on 21st October 1927, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what qualifications have been laid down for the appointment of the Chief Inspector of Boilers and of the officers under him; and

(b) whether any Indian with the required university qualifications and training has been appointed to any of the places and, if not, why not?

A.—(a) The qualifications are prescribed in rules 5 and 11 of the Madras Boiler Rules, 1924, as follows:—

The Chief Inspector shall be a qualified Mechanical Engineer with practical experience of boilers, prime-movers and machinery.

An Inspector shall be a Mechanical Engineer with practical experience of boilers, prime-movers and machinery, the possession of a first class Board of Trade certificate or equivalent qualification being desirable though not absolutely essential.

(b) No; presumably because suitable applicants were not forthcoming.

Excise

Illicit manufacture of toddy in Cuddapah district.

1446 Q.—MR. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the tapping of sweet juice from date trees is permitted in the Cuddapah district;

(b) whether such tapping was for some time prohibited in the district;

(c) if so, why such a prohibition has been now removed;

(d) whether such a tapping is permitted in the locality where trees are marked for tapping toddy;

(e) whether there are extensive areas in some of the taluks of the Cuddapah district where date trees stand and where, under the cover of tapping sweet juice, illicit toddy is being manufactured;

(f) if the hon. Minister is not aware of such a thing going on, whether he will institute necessary enquiry to find out in what close proximity of each other sweet juice and toddy are being tapped;

(g) what are the precautions that exist to prevent such illicit manufacture of toddy;